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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

- 1 1. (Currently amended) An investment system comprising:
 - 2 an investment vehicle, the investment vehicle enabling an investor to selectively
 - 3 buy and sell interests in each of a plurality of different individual securities traded on at
 - 4 least one financial market; and
 - 5 a graphical user interface,
 - 6 wherein, for each of the plurality of individual securities, interests in the security
 - 7 which are bought or sold by the investor can correspond to a selected fractionalized
 - 8 market unit of the security,
 - 9 wherein the investment system enables the investor to organize, using the
 - 10 graphical user interface, holdings in a corresponding account into one or more groups that
 - 11 can be defined by the investor to suit the investor's portfolio structuring desires, and
 - 12 wherein the investor can specify an allocation factor for each security and for each
 - 13 group included in the account, the allocation factor for a group specifying a percentage of
 - 14 a total amount to be used to purchase interests in securities for the account, and the
 - 15 allocation factor for a security specifying a percentage of a total amount to be to be used
 - 16 to purchase interests in securities for the group in which the security is located, or if the
 - 17 security is not in a group, a percentage of the total amount to be used to purchase interests
 - 18 in securities for the account, and

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19 wherein the system enables the investor to transmit to the investment vehicle
20 orders to buy and sell the interests in the plurality of securities, each of the orders can
21 include one or more limit requests, and each of the one or more limit requests can apply
22 to a plurality of securities included in the order.

1 2. (Currently amended) An investment vehicle for enabling a plurality of
2 investors to selectively buy and sell interests in each of a plurality of different individual
3 securities traded on at least one financial market, comprising:
4 a plurality of accounts for which the plurality of investors can buy and sell the
5 interests in the plurality of securities, each of the accounts corresponding to at least one of
6 the plurality of investors; and
7 a graphical user interface,
8 wherein, for each of the plurality of individual securities, interests in the security
9 which are bought or sold by the at least one investor can correspond to a selected
10 fractionalized market unit of the security,
11 wherein the investment vehicle enables the investors to organize, using the
12 graphical user interface, holdings in the corresponding accounts into one or more groups
13 that can be defined by the investors to suit the investors' portfolio structuring desires, and
14 wherein for each account, the corresponding investor can specify an allocation
15 factor for each security and for each group included in the account, the allocation factor
16 for a group specifying a percentage of a total amount to be used to purchase interests in
17 securities for the account in which the group is located, and the allocation factor for a
18 security specifying a percentage of a total amount to be used to purchase interests in
19 securities for the group in which the security is located, or if the security is not in a group,

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20 a percentage of the total amount to be used to purchase interests in securities for the
21 account in which the security is located, and
22 wherein the investment vehicle enables the investor to transmit to the investment
23 vehicle orders to buy and sell the interests in the plurality of securities, each of the orders
24 can include one or more limit requests, and each of the one or more limit requests can
25 apply to a plurality of securities included in the order.

1 3. (Currently amended) An investment vehicle for enabling a plurality of
2 investors to selectively buy and sell interests in each of a plurality of different individual
3 securities traded on at least one financial market, comprising:
4 a plurality of accounts for which the plurality of investors can transmit orders to
5 buy and sell the interests in the plurality of securities, each of the accounts corresponding
6 to at least one of the plurality of investors; and
7 a graphical user interface;
8 wherein each of the investors is charged a fixed commission for each order that is
9 accepted and acted upon by the investment vehicle on behalf of the investor, the
10 commission being determined irrespective of the number of different securities that are
11 involved with the order, the number of shares of each security involved in the order, the
12 value of the investor's portfolio, and the fact that the order may include requests to both
13 buy and sell interests in securities, and
14 wherein each of the securities involved in the order is allocated a percentage of the
15 commission charged, the percentage being derived by dividing the value of the interest of
16 each security purchased or sold by the total value of the interests of all the securities
17 purchased or sold,

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18 wherein the graphical user interface provides the investors with dynamically re-
19 configurable building blocks, each representing at least one of a security and a group of
20 securities held in the accounts, to enable the investors to build, re-configure and manage
21 the accounts in a visually intuitive manner and to visually offer the investors portfolio
22 information for the accounts, and
23 wherein the investment vehicle enables the investor to transmit to the investment
24 vehicle orders to buy and sell the interests in the plurality of securities, each of the orders
25 can include one or more limit requests, and each of the one or more limit requests can
26 apply to a plurality of securities included in the order.

1 4. (Currently amended) An investment vehicle for enabling a plurality of
2 investors to selectively buy and sell interests in each of a plurality of different individual
3 securities traded on at least one financial market, comprising:
4 a plurality of accounts for which the plurality of investors can buy and sell the
5 interests in the plurality of securities, each of the accounts corresponding to at least one of
6 the plurality of investors; and
7 graphical user interface,
8 wherein the investment vehicle enables the investors to organize, using the
9 graphical user interface, holdings in the corresponding accounts into one or more groups
10 and subgroups that can be defined by the investors to suit the investors' portfolio
11 structuring desires, and
12 wherein for each account, the corresponding investor can specify an allocation
13 factor for each security, for each group and for each sub-group included in the account,
14 the allocation factor for a group specifying a percentage of a total amount to be used to
15 purchase interests in securities for the account in which the group is located, the

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16 allocation factor for a sub-group specifying a percentage of a total amount to be used to
17 purchase interests in securities for the group in which the sub-group is located, and the
18 allocation factor for a security specifying a percentage of a total amount to be to be used
19 to purchase interests in securities for the group or sub-group in which the security is
20 located, or if the security is not in a group or sub-group, a percentage of the total amount
21 to be used to purchase interests in securities for the account in which the security is
22 located, and
23 wherein the investment vehicle enables the investor to transmit to the investment
24 vehicle orders to buy and sell the interests in the plurality of securities, each of the orders
25 can include one or more limit requests, and each of the one or more limit requests can
26 apply to a plurality of securities included in the order.

1 5. (Currently amended) An investment vehicle for enabling a plurality of
2 investors to selectively buy and sell interests in each of a plurality of different individual
3 securities traded on at least one financial market, comprising:
4 a plurality of accounts for which the plurality of investors can buy and sell the
5 interests in the plurality of securities, each of the accounts corresponding to at least one of
6 the plurality of investors; and
7 a graphical user interface,
8 wherein for each account, the corresponding investor or investors can organize
9 holdings in the account in a hierarchical nature,
10 wherein the investor is or investors are provided with a visual representation of
11 the account showing the hierarchical nature, and

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12 wherein the graphical user interface provides the investor or investors with
13 dynamically re-configurable building blocks, each representing at least one of a security
14 and a group of securities held in the account, to enable the investor or investors to build,
15 re-configure and manage the account in a visually intuitive manner and to visually offer
16 the investor or investors portfolio information for the account, and
17 wherein the investment vehicle enables the investor to transmit to the investment
18 vehicle orders to buy and sell the interests in the plurality of securities, each of the orders
19 can include one or more limit requests, and each of the one or more limit requests can
20 apply to a plurality of securities included in the order.

1 6. (Previously amended) The investment system of claim 1, wherein the investor
2 can specify for holdings in the percentages of the total value of the account to which the
3 values of the holdings should correspond, and
4 wherein the investment vehicle reviews the investor's account and compares the
5 holdings in the account with the specified percentages, and upon finding a discrepancy
6 between the actual holdings and the specified percentages, which discrepancy is above a
7 level set by the investor, notifies the investor of the discrepancy.

1 7. (Cancelled)

1 8. (Previously added) The investment vehicle of claim 2, wherein the plurality of
2 investors can transmit to the investment vehicle orders to buy and sell the interests in the
3 plurality of securities,
4 wherein each of the investors is charged a fixed commission for each order that is
5 accepted and acted upon by the investment vehicle on behalf of the investor, the

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6 commission being determined irrespective of the number of different securities that are
7 involved with the order, the number of shares of each security involved in the order, the
8 value of the investor's portfolio, and the fact that the order may include requests to both
9 buy and sell interests in securities, and

10 wherein each of the securities involved in the order is allocated a percentage of the
11 commission charged, the percentage being derived by dividing the value of the interest of
12 each security purchased or sold by the total value of the interests of all the securities
13 purchased or sold.

1 9. (Previously amended) The investment vehicle of claim 2, wherein the
2 investment vehicle enables the investors to further organize, using the graphical user
3 interface, the holdings in the corresponding accounts into one or more subgroups that can
4 be defined by the investors, and

5 wherein for each account, the corresponding investor can specify an allocation
6 factor for each security, for each group and for each sub-group included in the account,
7 the allocation factor for a group specifying a percentage of a total amount to be used to
8 purchase interests in securities for the account in which the group is located, the
9 allocation factor for a sub-group specifying a percentage of a total amount to be used to
10 purchase interests in securities for the group in which the sub-group is located, and the
11 allocation factor for a security specifying a percentage of a total amount to be used
12 to purchase interests in securities for the group or sub-group in which the security is
13 located, or if the security is not in a group or sub-group, a percentage of the total amount
14 to be used to purchase interests in securities for the account in which the security is
15 located.

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1 10. (Previously added) The investment vehicle of claim 2, wherein for each
2 account, the corresponding at least one of the plurality of investors can organizing
3 holdings in the account in a hierarchical nature, and
4 wherein the at least one of the plurality of investors is provided with a visual
5 representation of the account showing the hierarchical nature.

1 11. (Previously added) The investment vehicle of claim 2, wherein each of the
2 investors can specify for holdings in a corresponding one of the accounts percentages of
3 the total value of the account to which the values of the holdings should correspond, and
4 wherein the investment vehicle reviews the investor's account and compares the
5 holdings in the account with the specified percentages, and upon finding a discrepancy
6 between the actual holdings and the specified percentages, which discrepancy is above a
7 level set by the investor, notifies the investor of the discrepancy.

1 12. (Previously added) The investment vehicle of claim 2, wherein each of the
2 orders can include one or more limit requests, and wherein each of the one or more limit
3 requests can apply to a plurality of securities included in the order.

1 13. (Previously added) The investment vehicle of claim 3, wherein the investment
2 vehicle enables the investors to organizing holdings in the corresponding accounts into
3 one or more groups and subgroups, and
4 wherein for each account, the corresponding investor can specify an allocation
5 factor for each security, for each group and for each sub-group included in the account,
6 the allocation factor for a group specifying a percentage of a total amount to be used to
7 purchase interests in securities for the account in which the group is located, the

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8 allocation factor for a sub-group specifying a percentage of a total amount to be used to
9 purchase interests in securities for the group in which the sub-group is located, and the
10 allocation factor for a security specifying a percentage of a total amount to be to be used
11 to purchase interests in securities for the group or sub-group in which the security is
12 located, or if the security is not in a group or sub-group, a percentage of the total amount
13 to be used to purchase interests in securities for the account in which the security is
14 located.

1 14. (Previously added) The investment vehicle of claim 3, wherein for each
2 account, the corresponding at least one of the plurality of investors can organizing
3 holdings in the account in a hierarchical nature, and
4 wherein the at least one of the plurality of investors is provided with a visual
5 representation of the account showing the hierarchical nature.

1 15. (Previously added) The investment vehicle of claim 3, wherein each of the
2 investors can specify for holdings in a corresponding one of the accounts percentages of
3 the total value of the account to which the values of the holdings should correspond, and
4 wherein the investment vehicle reviews the investor's account and compares the
5 holdings in the account with the specified percentages, and upon finding a discrepancy
6 between the actual holdings and the specified percentages, which discrepancy is above a
7 level set by the investor, notifies the investor of the discrepancy.

1 16. (Previously added) The investment vehicle of claim 3, wherein each of the
2 orders can include one or more limit requests, and wherein each of the one or more limit
3 requests can apply to a plurality of securities included in the order.

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1 17. (Previously added) The investment vehicle of claim 4, wherein for each
2 account, the corresponding at least one of the plurality of investors can organizing
3 holdings in the account in a hierarchical nature, and
4 wherein the at least one of the plurality of investors is provided with a visual
5 representation of the account showing the hierarchical nature.

1 18. (Previously added) The investment vehicle of claim 4, wherein each of the
2 investors can specify for holdings in a corresponding one of the accounts percentages of
3 the total value of the account to which the values of the holdings should correspond, and
4 wherein the investment vehicle reviews the investor's account and compares the
5 holdings in the account with the specified percentages, and upon finding a discrepancy
6 between the actual holdings and the specified percentages, which discrepancy is above a
7 level set by the investor, notifies the investor of the discrepancy.

1 19. (Previously added) The investment vehicle of claim 4, wherein each of the
2 orders can include one or more limit requests, and wherein each of the one or more limit
3 requests can apply to a plurality of securities included in the order.

1 20. (Previously added) The investment vehicle of claim 5, wherein each of the
2 investors can specify for holdings in a corresponding one of the accounts percentages of
3 the total value of the account to which the values of the holdings should correspond, and
4 wherein the investment vehicle reviews the investor's account and compares the
5 holdings in the account with the specified percentages, and upon finding a discrepancy
6 between the actual holdings and the specified percentages, which discrepancy is above a
7 level set by the investor, notifies the investor of the discrepancy.

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8 set by the investor, notifies the investor of the discrepancy.

1 21. (Newly added) The investment vehicle of claim 4, wherein the investment
2 vehicle enables the investor to include within a single order separate limit requests for one
3 or more of the securities included in the order, wherein each of the separate limit requests
4 can be valid for a defined length of time, and wherein the separate limit requests can be
5 executed independently of each other and still be considered part of the same order.